

ELEAGUE Reveals Elite Competitors for CS:GO Premier 2017

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Star-Studded Field to Feature *ELEAGUE Major* Champion Astralis and Past ELEAGUE Winners Virtus.pro & OpTic Gaming

ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017 Open Qualifier Registration Open Now

ELEAGUE, the premium esports tournament and content brand from Turner and IMG, today announced the invited teams set to compete in the ***ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017***, beginning **Friday, Sept. 1**, at **10 p.m. ET** across **TBS**, [Twitch](#), [YouTube](#) and [ELEAGUE.com](#). The event will showcase the following team groupings, with live Friday night coverage on TBS beginning with Group A play, **Friday, Sept. 8**.

The graphic displays the team groupings for the ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017 tournament. It is titled "CS:GO PREMIER 2017" in large red letters. The ELEAGUE logo is in the top left. The groupings are as follows:

GROUP A SEPTEMBER 8 - 9	GROUP B SEPTEMBER 15 - 16	GROUP C SEPTEMBER 22 - 23	GROUP D SEPTEMBER 29 - 30
FAZE CLAN	TEAM NORTH	VIRTUS.PRO	SK GAMING
NATUS VINCERE	MOUSESPORTS	NINJAS IN PYJAMAS	ASTRALIS
G2 ESPORTS	FNATIC	CLOUD9	OPTIC GAMING
QUALIFYING TEAM	QUALIFYING TEAM	QUALIFYING TEAM	QUALIFYING TEAM

The CS:GO logo is at the bottom center.

“Counter-Strike is an important part of ELEAGUE’s DNA and we’re thrilled to bring it back with a lineup of such elite teams this Fall,” said **Christina Alejandre, GM of ELEAGUE and Vice President of esports, Turner Sports**. “We’re also looking forward to a number of compelling storylines including those surrounding the open qualifier and a very competitive tournament field.”

ELEAGUE invited 12 teams based on the performances of their players in its previous two seasons of CS:GO competition. Teams will be seeded randomly within their respective groups.

Additional event details including format, prize pool, live coverage and commentators, will be released in the coming weeks.

Open Qualifier Registration Now Open

The ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017 Open Qualifier will be held **Saturday, Aug. 26** and **Sunday, Aug. 27**. Four teams will advance from the Open Qualifier to compete in the ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017 from the G FUEL ELEAGUE Arena in Atlanta. Two teams will advance from a qualifying tournament for the Americas while two will advance from a tournament for the Europe/CIS regions.

Teams may register now by [clicking here](#).

About ELEAGUE

ELEAGUE is the premium esports tournament and content brand formed in partnership between Turner and IMG that officially launched in 2016. A leader in the delivery of live event experiences, ELEAGUE content is widely distributed across leading digital platform Twitch, along with showcase programming airing on Turner's TBS, a fully-distributed cable television network. In its first year, ELEAGUE produced two seasons featuring *Counter-Strike: Global Offensive*, along with the first-ever *Overwatch® Open*. As recognition of its industry-wide impact, ELEAGUE was awarded its first-ever *CS:GO Major*, originating from Atlanta in January 2017. The *ELEAGUE Major Grand Final* drove ELEAGUE's Twitch channel to a record peak of more than one million concurrent streams, in addition to a reach of 3.6 million total viewers on TBS throughout the tournament. ELEAGUE received a Sports Emmy® nomination for Outstanding Studio Design and Art Direction in March 2017.